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Kansas City Union Mission Prepares For Winter

By Tiffany Mayerchak

With the holidays just around the corner, the Kansas City Union Mission is preparing to help the needy and homeless.

The Kansas City Union Mission has been in existence since 1924. They help the needy and homeless every single day. They have a total of 40 volunteers and employees including a part-time nurse. The Kansas City Union Mission is a Christian organization, and they have a rehabilitation program for alcoholics, convicts, and people trying to get a job after not being able to find one on their own.

Dan Doty, the superintendent of the K.C. Union Mission, said that they have "more than 90 temporary shelters available for individuals and many shelters for families." Doty couldn't give an exact number of people who are fed in a year, but he said they "feed about 400 different men each month." This has been the same number for several years and families needing help are increasing. He also said, "in the last 20 years the average age of people helped has lowered to 30 years old."

The K.C. Union Mission will start setting up their boxes at local food stores to collect can goods. The public is their main sources of donations. When Thanksgiving and Christmas come around, there are special dinners and programs planned. During Christmas, Doty said, "they have food baskets donated which feed between 100-125 families."

Even though they don't have a shortage of food at the present time, nor have they ever had a major shortage, Doty said, "anybody wishing to donate money, food, or clothing is encouraged to call the K.C. Union Mission."

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Easy Money to be Made

By Jeff Kraus

You want to give your girlfriend that sexy, black teddy for Christmas but you can't afford the price tag attached to it. No need to worry!

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Am I Eligible for the Dean's List?

By LeAnne Alexander

How does an Avila College student acquire the honor of being named to the Dean's list? A number of students and faculty were asked this question. Some of the replies received stated the correct criteria for eligibility, but over half of the people questioned said, "I don't know...I think..."

Recently, a member of the Examiner staff noticed the Dean's list had grown much longer in the recent year. They wondered if this was due to less difficult classes or a higher achieving group of students.

After research and interview, the answers to these questions were attained. Avila College has a committee which sets most of the academic policies. It is the Academic Affairs Committee. This governing body is made up of the Academic Dean, the Chairperson of each academic department, two student government officers, with the Registrar serving as the recorder.

In the March 27, 1987 Academic Affairs meeting, Sister Barbara Moore of the Nursing depart-

ment, suggested that only twelve credit hours be required for student to be eligible for the Dean's list. The policy at the time stated that students must have fifteen credit hours and receive a 3.5 grade point average to be named to the Dean's list. The Academic Dean at the time was Dean Richard Scott. He charged Sister with the task of investigating the policies of other colleges.

It was found that most schools required students to carry twelve hours to be eligible for their Dean's list. Discussion was held on the findings. The committee felt that twelve hours eligibility would be more fair to those students in upper-division courses who could only carry twelve hours because of the difficulty of the courses they were required to take. They also felt that the policy should be consistent with other college policies. Therefore, the change was approved and went into affect the fall of 1987. At this time, the change was published in the Academic Affairs Committee meeting minutes.

Student Government officers are a part of the Academic Affairs Committee in order to keep the student body informed on policies and to give the student a voice in all policy action. They take information from meeting and report to the Student Government who also are to be representatives of the student body.

As students, there are way we can keep informed of policies and changes so that we know the answers to our questions about the education we are paying to receive. Academic Affairs Committee meeting minutes are published and are available anytime. The Student Government holds open forums to give students a chance to voice their questions. Ask questions. The people who are involved in these committees are easy to find and willing to answer questions. Finally, the student government is made up of students and is for the students. Talk to the members, ask them questions, be involved in what is happening with your money, your school and your education.

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Liz VanNote

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Muse to yourself as you contentedly watch the last minute Christmas shoppers scurry to buy their last minute gifts. The pink bathrobe that is snatched from the sale rack by a desperate father is a familiar sight to us all. The expensive and fortunately pre-wrapped bottle of perfume promises delight for mother and relieve for us on Christmas morning. Take some time to wonder to yourself about all the many shoppers as you casually watch them wander about. Christmas-shopper-watching is

definitely a spectator sport that can be enjoyed by all.

Visit Santa Claus at the local mall. If you feel you are too old to personally jump into Santa's lap then by all means watch the other's who are brave enough to venture a trip to the fat man's chair. The brave young boy who bursts into tears as Santa bellows his hearty laugh into his young ears is a heartfilling experience for everyone. Viewing the innocent joys of children as they visit with their beloved Santa Claus reminds us all of many joyous Christmas holidays.

Finally, take a scenic tour through the Plaza and the many residential streets of Kansas City that sparkle with the glorious colors of Christmas. Gaze at the lovely lights and reminisce with family and friends about the beauty of the season. Last, but not least, remember in the hurriedness of this season to take a moment to enjoy life and revel in the beauty and love that surrounds us all. Merry Christmas.

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Letter From The Editor

Dear Avila,

As this semester comes to a close and the holidays approach, The Avila Examiner wishes you good luck on your finals and a safe and enjoyable Christmas vacation.

As the semester ends and the Examiner lets go of our last issue for the semester, we must sit down and figure out our course of action for next semester. Do we want to improve or can we sit back and coast through this upcoming semester? Along with you, I must reflect and make a plan of action for our school paper.

In order to reflect we must have feedback from you, our readers. If you could just take a few seconds and fill out the Examiner Inquires sheet and bring it to Beth Maren in the Student Life Office. The Avila Examiner staff will appreciate it.

Just like a normal college student - we missed our assignment, our last issue. We are sorry, and for those of you who sent articles and letters to the editor, "thank you" for taking the time out to inform our fellow students.

Once again I would like to reinforce, this is your paper and if something is going on that you think the campus should know, let us know.

Enjoy your holidays and see you next year.

Marie Imming, Editor

The Examiner Inquires...

(inquiring minds of the Editorial Staff want to know!)

- What is your favorite section in the Examiner?
 - ☐ News (page 1)
 - ☐ Editorials/Opinions (page 2)
 - ☐ Entertainment/Features (page 3)
 - ☐ Sports/Classified (page 4)
- Would you be interested in seeing more Kansas City and world news reported in the Examiner?

- What types of stories would you like covered by the Examiner staff?

- Are you interested in writing, photography or editing? If yes, are you interested in working on the Examiner?

Name _____

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Please return to Beth Maren in Marian Centre or a member of the Editorial Staff of the Examiner.

A Kind and Gentle America?

By Tim Barchak

"I want a kinder, gentler America", said George Bush, after one of the most negative campaigns in history. Bush's ability to keep that promise will depend on the extent to which he is willing to distance himself from Reagan's policies.

Many existing problems indicate more callousness than kindness: Around 13 percent of the population lives below the poverty line. One in three black Americans are poor. The industrial working class and the farmers are being eradicated. Four million citizens are homeless. In Central America,

the U.S. is currently involved in Low Intensity Conflict (generic name for terrorism) in El Salvador and Nicaragua. The U.S. refuses to sanction South Africa. Social Programs are being cut to the bone so that the defense budget can continue to take 55 cents out of every tax dollar. (It is important to have the ability to destroy the world 75 times, because the Soviets have the power to destroy it 80 times.) Almost no effort has been made to clean up toxic or nuclear waste. Federal forest land has been leased to corporations for mining and lumbering. The CIA has dealt often with drug dealers. For the sake of brevity, the litany will end on that not.

There are two points that need to be made about Bush's goal.

The Chaplain's Corner

By Fr. Mike Zahorchak

Some Advent Lore

As all Christians who practice their religion know, we are now in the middle of the Advent Season not quite half-way to Christmas.

The history and the mystique surrounding Advent are hundreds of years old, with roots extending from the 6th century, A.D.

Here are some interesting facts about Advent:

- 1.) The 1st Sunday of Advent, even though it changes annually as to the date, marks the first day of the Church Year; its 'New Year's Day', so to speak. For the year 1988, the date was Nov. 27.
- 2.) The word 'advent' means 'coming to' and refers to the fact of God's coming to the world to us humans as a human being Himself. Christians believe this is the first such event in human history.
- 3.) The Birth of Christ, referred to by all English-speaking Christians as 'Christmas', and old English term, became a feast in the universal Church in the 5th century. The Council of Tours established Advent, consisting of 4 weeks before Christmas, commemorating the 4,000 years the world waited for the Birth of the promised Messiah, as an inseparable part of the Christmas feast.
- 4.) Advent is a uniquely Christian celebration. No other religion has a feast or religious season comparable.
- 5.) The 'spirit' of Advent consists of a 2-fold mindset: a.) celebrating God's presence among us in human flesh, with an eye to the future & Second Coming of Christ at the end of human history. b.) a temperate sort of 'penitential' aura surrounds the season, when we contemplate the reason God-became-Man, viz. to make atonement for human sins and to give the most precious thing a human possesses in atonement, i.e. the life-blood of the body.
- 6.) There are many ways to celebrate Advent, and all are religious, simply because there is no secular or 'worldly' way to do so. The Christian culture of a country always determines the manner.

We, in mid-west America, with a heavy German Catholic background, are familiar with 2 'centuries-old' Advent customs which began in Germany, i.e. the Advent Calendar and the Advent Wreath.

a.) The Advent Calendar - is a page-sized religious scene, with little windows incised in the facing on which are printed the numbers from 1 to 24. Beginning on Dec. 1, the window corresponding to the date is 'opened' and a picture of something relating to the Christmas story is shown. On Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, the window, when opened, shows the familiar Crib Scene of the Child Jesus in the manger with Mary & Joseph nearby.

b.) The Advent Wreath, is rich in Christian symbolism, the green of the pine branches symbolizes 'hope' and eternal life; the circle symbolizes eternity itself, 'a time of no time', never beginning and never ending; the color purple, a sign of our waiting for Christ with joyful anticipation (this is highlighted by the 'pink' candle on the 3rd Sunday of Advent); and 4 candles, each commemorating a millennium before Christ's birth.

There is something even ore interesting about the Advent candles viz each were given a 'Name' which points to a lesson to be learned & practiced that particular week. These lessons were considered the proper way to prepare for Christmas.

Here are the 4 names & lessons:

- The first week has the Prophet candle. The lesson - just as the people of God longed for the Messiahs promised in the writings of Isaiah, the O.T. prophet, so are we to be aware of the religious dimension of Christmas. We do this best by meditating on the liturgy readings of each Advent Sunday.
- the second candle is called the Bethlehem candle. The lesson - our calling as Christians is to be of 'service' to others. The role model, provided in the Christmas season, is the Innkeeper of Bethlehem, who shared his barn with Mary and Joseph so that Mary could bear her Son.
- the third Sunday of Advent has

been know for 1,000 years as 'Gaudete Sunday', i.e. (Rejoice) and is marked by the lighting of a 'pink' candle, known as the Shepherd's candle. The lesson - 'pink' or 'rose' is the liturgical color symbolizing 'joy' - and our role models to celebrate the birth of Christ with praise, wonder & joy are the Shepherds at Bethlehem who, St. Luke tells us, praised and glorified God for all they saw and heard. We can praise God best by making good use of our God-given abilities and talents.

- the fourth and last candle, is called the Angel candle. The lesson - we are to be God's messengers to the people in our life, and like the Christmas Angel, are to announce God's "Good News". One way to do this is to share our faith with someone - e.g. we can invite another person to come to Church with us.
- 7.) There's a 7th and last observation I'd like to share. It's a personal opinion as to HOW we here on campus, in the scholarly aura of academe, can celebrate Advent. I think we can do it best if we use the college student preparing for finals as a role model!

"What?!", you say. But read this rationale before dismissing this role model. The student preparing for finals studies hard and gives up legitimate pleasures like movies, weekends home etc. so as to give time to to accomplish the purpose for which he/she came to college, i.e. to pass exams that measure knowledge which will intellectually prepare him/her to one day take the desired place in the professional world.

Now if you put this scenario within a spiritual dimension, then using the student preparing for finals as religious role model isn't far-fetched. Just consider the lessons of the 4 Advent candles as 'knowledge we must learn to get to heaven'; Then figure that the commitment and intensity of effort of a student preparing for exams as the king of effort & energy we should spend to acquire our 'Advent knowledge', then everything begins to make some sense.


The dynamics are the same; the goals differ ONLY in substance, and the results of the rewards are likewise the same, i.e. satisfying and self-fulfilling.

Peach & Love

First, the specific problems that inhibit a "kinder, gentler America" have not been addressed. Second, it is apparent that the American public does not really care about a kinder and gentler America. Upwardly mobile Americans voted their wallets. Some Americans voted their fears and prejudices. Some simply voted anti-Dukakis, for a variety of reason. One could safely wager that very few voters gave a thought to making America kinder and gentler for all and to all.

I think George threw his supporters a Yale curve. After all, this "kind and gentle" stuff sounds rather liberal.

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Eric Salins
Age 22
Financial Freedom

Dear Santa,
I want
a new stereo
Liz Claiborne
sweater

-an immediate
graduation
diploma
-a sailboat
-a fur coat
-a yacht

Charlene
Skimann
20



Dear Santa,
I want a "C" in
Quantitative Analysis
in Chemistry. also
a New Car.

Pam Grayson

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this
year I would like just
a few small items.
My visa is somewhat
high about how about
paying this one off and
getting me a shiny
gold one. Next I would
like a diploma -
this would save me alot
of time and money.

And finally I would like
a newer model of knees.
I have a tendency to
rub together and people
make fun of them.
Thank you.

Just

Dear Santa,
Since I've been such
a good girl this semester
I would like to have car
payments for the next five years,
ten more hours in the day
(so that I can study more!),
a year's supply of chocolate
chip mint ice cream, an
unlimited budget and an
oversupplies amount of people
who want to work on Student
Union Board, and last but
not least, someone to read
me bedtime stories & to tuck me
in every night!

Sincerely yours,
He

Dear Santa,

I want a plane
ticket to California.
a new car. Better
pool in the dining hall.

Kimberley
Johnson
age 18



Everyone knows that to
get something for X-mas,
you have to be good.
Well.....
Duper

Dear Santa,

Please send me
a new car - don't
worry about getting
it down the chimney
the driver will be
fine. Oh, by the
way - world peace
would be a nice
stocking stuffer.

Thanks,

Paul

P.S. - say hi to
Rudolph.



Dear Santa,
Here are all the things in
the world that I want
for Christmas:
to be a responsible person
a nice boyfriend that loves
me
a new stuffed bunny
rabbit
my little sister to talk
to me again
for Angel + Tonga to
be my best friends
forever

and Santa, could you
please put a candle
card which the one
I will be getting this
semester in my mailbox?
perferably (Anne Alexander's)

Thank you,
Love,
Janet
Lee

DEAR SANTA,

I have been REAG and
this year so I want a lot
of new toys for Christmas.
First of all, I want a new
car. I'm not sure what,
any kind of Mercedes would
be fine. Next I would like
a new American Express Gold
Card, preferably in someone
else's name. Finally the
last thing I want is a
simple winter in South Florida
or Hawaii, it's up to you. I
will remember Santa in the New
Year and his and a good
little for the weekend.

MARK
HAY

Dear Santa

all I want for Xmas is sleep.
T.P.

Dear Santa -

I'd like to score
more than 2 points
in a matter of 10 min-
utes in a B-ball
game to please
many people. I'd
like a little unstress-
ful time. I want
\$34.00 to pay off a
mistake, and another
million to use for
paying off my college
bills. I want Liz
Claiborne, a Jaguar,
and new knees,
shoulders, (or ~~back~~ a
new body). I really
want a happy,
healthy life for
myself and all those
that I love.
Thanks Santa,
Sydney

Dear Santa,

I want somewhere to live.
Wendy
Behmer

The Sports Cycle

By Jeff Kraus

It's time to pack away the soccer shoes. For those who are graduating in 1989, it may be forever. But for those who will return again to represent the Avila soccer program, it will be only until next August; next August when the entire sports cycle begins all over again.

This sports cycle I speak of pertains to any athlete who spends never ending hours both physically and mentally, preparing their minds and bodies for an entire season of triumphs, sorrows, pains and gains. Being a soccer player now for three years, I have not only felt my body repeat this cycle three times, but I have seen fellow players go through the exact same cycle. This cycle sometimes breaks players while many times it make a player a better person, both on and off the field. These broken players sometimes never return to school, while the better players go on succeeding both in soccer and in life.

The sports cycle I have come to know here at Avila has not only taught me how to win and lose; it has taught me and my teammates throughout three years much more. I have learned the true definition of many words: dedication, responsibility, hard work, friendship, teamwork, courage, encouragement, good times, bad times, and jockey, jockey, jockey!! I've learned what giving 100% is really all about.

The 1988 soccer sports cycle began July 31st, when the players met in Carondelet Hall to see who would make up the Avila soccer team. The next two weeks were what Scott Ferris labeled pre-season fitness training; the players labeled it "living hell". Seven hours a day of running, passing, dribbling and babysitting. The men's soccer team, provided a quality soccer camp for area children to participate in. The funds collected are distributed not only to the soccer program but to all the different sports programs here at Avila. Once the pre-season is over, the season begins.

The season is what all that hard work has been for. I soon start to see a change in the players, especially the new ones. They go from being these shy, intimidated boys to these fearless panthers and warriors. They begin to whirl, jockey, and break to the near bar. They realize where the Arc of concentration lies and they see the results. Seven weeks worth of games sometimes three times a week. The cycle has usually reached it's peak by mid-season.

After mid-season, the team experiences injuries and sometimes begins a burn out stage. All these long hours and all this hard work, what is it for? Then playoffs come into the picture. The cycle returns to it's highest peak and the team plays like they have never played before. Sometimes winning it all and once in a while coming just short.

The 1988 Avila soccer team happens to come up short this year. I saw every player experience this sports cycle I speak of. I saw a coach give his team everything he had and the team everything they had to offer back.

I dedicate this article to the 1988 Avila soccer team, especially those men that played their last years of collegiate soccer. Being a senior I have spent three years worth of marking up, stretching out and doing 50 and 50's with these men. Thanks for teaching me and the rest of the 1988 soccer team everything you knew about the game: Gary Myers, Scott Anderson, Gary Matson, Dan Mabrey, Steve Foerstel, Chris Hackett, and Mike Brown. Good luck next year!!!

Intramurals and the Individual

By Kevin Dudzik

When Steve Foerstel came to Avila the intramurals program was a very limited bunch of unorganized activities. But in his four years at Avila, he has seen the intramural program develop tremendously into a quality attended program here on campus. With the help of Janet Aguirre, Foerstel has set his goals high.

Foerstel and Aguirre have added new programs onto the activity list this year. In the sports department we have the one-on-one basketball tournament and we also have the 3-point shoot out for those who have that strong outside shot.

If students don't enjoy the idea of competing head on head with other students, the board game night might be more relaxing. Here the students compete against each other in various board games. Or how about a nice evening ice-skating. The intramural program will offer the students two chances to skate the night away at King Louis West. Whatever the activity, the intramural program probably offers it.

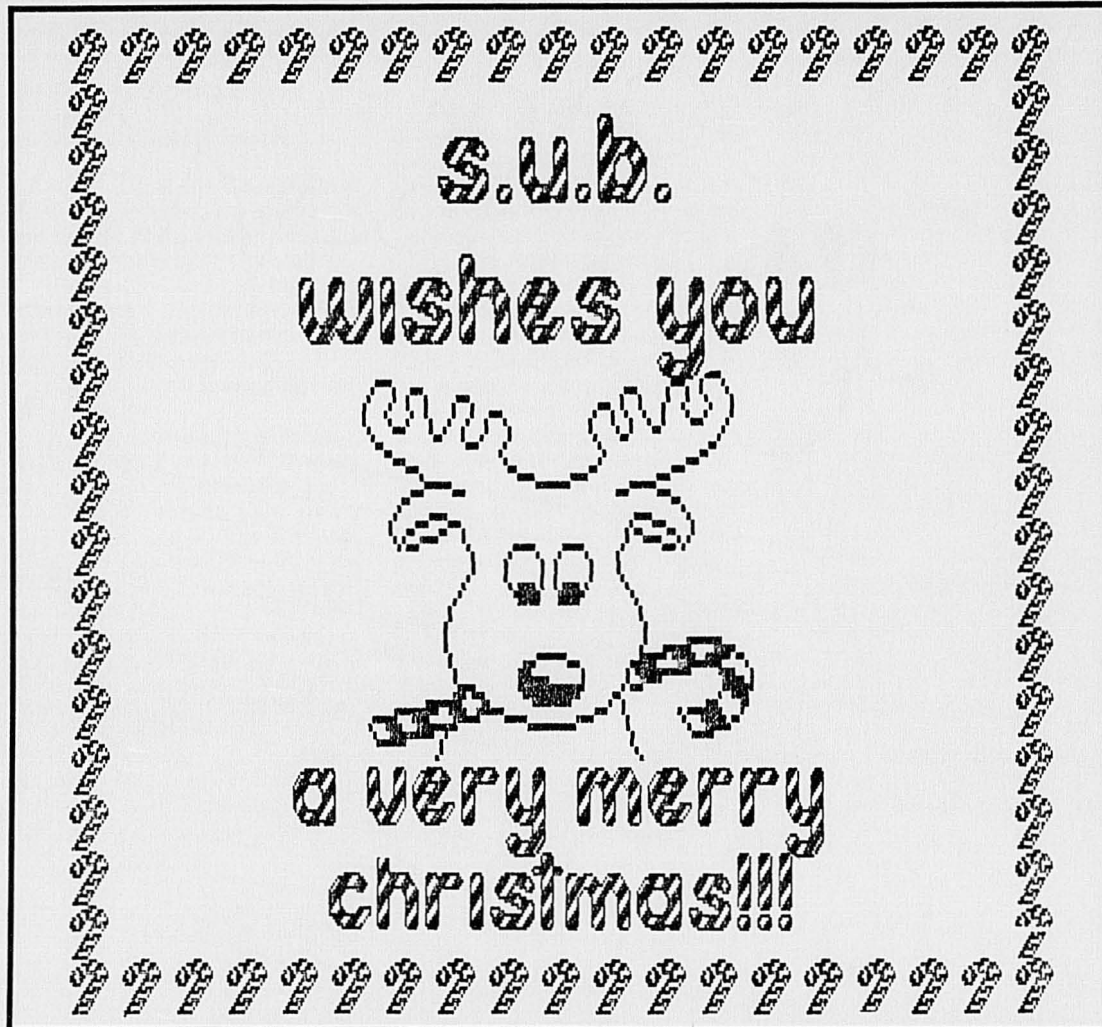
Don't forget about the various vacations Foerstel and Aguirre have added to the list. The 1988-89 school year will feature a ski trip to Colorado, a float trip to southern Missouri, and the infamous spring break in Panama City. Nothing like soaking up the sun with the fabulous babes or gorgeous hunks in Panama City. Foerstel and Aguirre have worked hard to make the intramural program of 1988-89 the huge success it has been. Let's get involved and support the program.

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Great Expectations

By Jeff Kraus

Buddy Soloff meant nothing in regards to the Charles Dicken's novel, Great Expectations when he spoke about Avila's womens basketball team. Great expectations is exactly what he has in store for the lady Avalanche.

In Soloff's second year of coaching the Avalanche, he expects the womens basketball team to make the district playoffs for the first time in Avila's history. "I plan on making the playoffs by producing a defensive team that will rank in the top twenty in the nation."

The lady Avalanchers have their work cut out for them. Soloff feels this years team will do much better than last years quality 12-15 record. He feels the team should beat anyone on their level and be

very competitive with teams above their playing level. The lady Avalanchers will play harder teams this year, including six of the eight teams that made last year's district playoffs. Soloff will take this years team to Debueque, Iowa January 6, 7, and 8. They will represent Avila in the National Catholic Collegiate Tournament. The sixteen team tournament that will be held at Loras College, will host three teams that made it all the way to the semifinals of last year's National Tournament. Soloff and his team will definitely have their work cut out for them.

With Sue Putz and Jennifer Lee injured, Soloff will definitely look to Diane McLaurey, Jennifer Yarshen, and Tina Caldwell to be the team leaders. Tina Caldwell captured second team all district

awards last years, and Soloff knows she is capable of making first team this year. Along with the returning players, the new freshman players will see a lot of playing time also.

Soloff didn't have to look far for his new recruits this year. Soloff picked up Angie Swope from Grandview High School and Michele Strawn from Bishop Meige. Michele Maloney will be a great back-up forward to a most improved Karen Kinney. Sydney Whitlock will definitely help in Soloff's plan of attack. Soloff exclaimed, "she's capable of playing anywhere on the front line!"

Soloff is expecting great things from each player this year. He feels his lady Avalanchers are a very team oriented squad and that is what you need to succeed. So lets cheer our womens basketball team on to a victorious season.



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Avoid the headache of last minute details. Do It Early!

Thanks guys for the nice birthday!!! - Marie-bob

Thank you Examiner staff you are wonderful!!!

Sully - Nebraska isn't All that bad!!! You just have to appreciate it.

Rich - is there anything to be salvaged?

Tami G. - you're making me FAT, please get rid of the toaster oven!!! - D.

Want to have Fun?! Come join all the fun and excitement of intramurals. Look for upcoming events.

Mary - Opportunity only knocks once.

Merry Christmas to Beth, Mary, Darrin, Sharon, Liz, Mark and Micki from your favorite Gearhead.

Is there really life after 21?!

Hey girls - did you find the pony yet?

Wanted: Students willing to share their thoughts and feelings concerning contemporary topics - be also willing to have fun. Join Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Don't be left out in the cold. Sign up for spring break in Panama City, Florida. Down payments required by Christmas break.

Karen and Micki - How about those grabs, I mean crabs!

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